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NEGLIGENCE IN SPRING AGRICULTURAL WORK IN RUMANIA

POOR PLANNING FOR SPRING CAMPAIGN -- Bucharest, Romania Libera, 1 Mar 53

A decree of the Council of Ministers and the Central Committee of the Rumanian People's Republic concerning intensification of 1953 spring campaign preparations required that plans be drawn up and submitted by 15 February 1953.

The agricultural section of the Executive Committee of Pitesti Raion does not realize the importance of this fact, because work is proceeding with unjustifiable slowness in this raion. In Bascov Commune, for instance, no plan was prepared by 19 February 1953 due to the indifference and lack of responsibility of agricultural agent Gheorghe Rapeanu. This is not an isolated case. Dedulesti Commune has not set up cultivation plans for more than half of the collectives in the commune. Cosesti, Titesti, Leicesti, and Davidesti communes also neglect their duties.

The lack of guidance and control on the part of the raion agricultural section is illustrated by the errors made by communes in the assignment of cultivation plans. Some commune agents have planned too many crops for small areas, and not enough for larger areas. In Merisani Village, for example, the agent planned five different crops for farms with one hectare of arable land and the same number of crops for farms with 5 hectares.

The Pitesti Raion Executive Committee and the agricultural section must put an end to these bureaucratic methods and exercise systematic control for the elimination of shortcomings.

NEGLECT IN SUPERVISION OF COLLECTIVES -- Bucharest, Romania Libera, 1 Mar 53

On 1 March 1953, the Council of Ministers issued instructions to regiune and raion people's councils to support and assist collectives from the moment they are set up and to strengthen them and help them grow to become self-supporting units so that they may conscientiously fulfill their duties to the state.

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The Executive Committee of the Targu-Ocna Raion People's Council, Bacau Regiune, disregarding the duties laid down by those instructions, neglected the consolidation of collectives. The executive committee members have adopted a bureaucratic manner to cover a series of mistakes in planning and guidance of collectives. The members of the committee visit the collectives rarely and at random, and these visits are more in the nature of courtesy calls. Executive committee members do not make personal studies of the problems of collectives, but are satisfied with reports and figures which they receive in their offices. They are thus isolated from actual problems of the collectivists. Actually, the members of the executive committee have not discussed the problem of consolidating and developing collectives for more than a year.

Because of the indifference and negligence of the committee, and especially of its president, Constantin Cojocea, the Bozesti Collective was unable to obtain materials to build shelters for its cattle and to prepare for the spring campaign, or to obtain fodder for the animals and seeds for spring planting. These men should be punished and measures taken to improve the condition of collectives in this raion.

LACK OF CONTACT WITH DEPUTIES -- Bucharest, Romania Libera, 11 Mar 53

A serious lag in the spring planting campaign has been noted in Caransebes Raion, Timisoara Regiune. These deficiencies are due to a great extent to the lack of interest shown by the executive committee of the raion people's council in training and encouraging deputies to mobilize peasants. Consequently, deputies have not contacted the peasants, and no suggestions or recommendations have been made by the permanent agricultural committee.

In Sacu Commune, the special committee has not been instructed on how to organize repair work, and there are no records of what has been done so far. Spring planting preparations are slow and defective in Otelu-Rosu and Valea Boului communes. Deputies have not been trained and supervision is lacking.

SHORTCOMINGS AT MTS -- Bucharest, Romania Libera, 14 Mar 53

The majority of the MTS in the country are fully prepared for the spring campaign. There are, however, some stations which are behind in repairs. The Huedin MTS, Cluj Regiune, is an example. So far, two tractors, one sower, two harrows, one cultivator, and other implements have not been repaired there. The Huedin MTS is also neglecting its other duties. A government decree requires that all contracts with TOZ and collectives be signed by 15 February 1953, but the Huedin MTS has signed for only 37 percent of its quota. Tractor brigades have no idea where they are to work, and the problem of supplies for tractors during the spring campaign has not been solved.

The management of the MTS is to blame for this situation. It has shown a complete lack of interest in fulfilling its duties. The procurement of replacement parts was neglected. Another great shortcoming is the lack of discipline at this station. The Huedin MTS must change this attitude and take measures for prompt improvement.

PEOPLE'S COUNCIL LACKS INTEREST -- Bucharest, Romania Libera, 3, 17 Mar 53

Vidra Raion is one of the areas highly suitable for vegetable growing and should become an important source of supply for the capital through the expansion of its vegetable zones. Executive committees of people's councils have been assigned important duties in the fulfillment of the vegetable growing plan.

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The Executive Committee of the Vidra Raion People's Council has set up planting schedules, and 85 percent of the planned area has been prepared for planting. Collectives, TOZ, and working peasants have so far planted 669 hectares with various vegetables.

The vegetable area at the Tudor Vladimirescu Collective, Vidra Commune, has been increased from 13 to 30.35 hectares. This is not satisfactory, however, in view of the possibilities of the raion. The few successes achieved so far are very small in comparison with the over-all plan requirements. The problem of growing vegetables is not treated with sufficient responsibility by the executive committee. This committee has, for instance, neglected irrigation, which should have been completed all over the raion by the end of February. Nothing had been done in this matter by 13 March. Technicians and the agricultural section of the raion people's council inspected the commune early in February to decide where irrigation pumps had to be set up, but the matter was dropped and forgotten. The technicians thought they had done their duty by drawing up the plans, but the executive committee did nothing to execute the plans. Actually, the plans were bad, but no effort was made to improve them. Collectives have had to shift for themselves, without guidance. Irrigation has not even started. Furthermore, the vegetable technician is assigned by the executive committee to other jobs entirely unconnected with vegetable growing.

While vegetable planting schedules were distributed to farmers at the beginning of February, many changes are still being made. To fill the needs for young plants in Vidra Raion, 60,000 square meters of additional cold frames are needed, and 30,000 square meters of cold frames need repairs. Only 3,244 square meters of new cold frames were built, and only 50 percent of the old cold frames were repaired by 3 March 1953. Planting in cold frames was done in a haphazard manner, and the people's councils have no records of requirements or plantings.

A decree of the Bucharest Executive Committee of 13 January 1953 requires people's councils to recruit commune agents at the ratio of one agent to 100 hectares of vegetable land. So far, the councils have not recruited even half of the agents needed in Vidra Raion. Not one agent has so far been recruited for the 30 Decembrie Commune, which has a vegetable plan for 300 hectares. Only one agent was recruited for Copaceni Commune, which is scheduled to plant 400 hectares with vegetables.

The fulfillment of the vegetable plan, especially for irrigated crops, depends to a great extent on the available means of irrigation. All smaller farms will be irrigated by means of pumps owned by individual farmers. Even though the decree calls for the listing of all pumps owned by peasants, by 1 February 1953 there are still many communes where this had not been done. In Cretesti Commune, for instance, the commune executive committee stated that all pumps in the commune had been repaired; actually, the committee does not even know whether they exist. This attitude of negligence should be combated with vigor. The implements are not being repaired, with the excuse that there is still plenty of time. However, many of these tools and machines need major repairs, which take a long time.

The signing of delivery contracts between collectives, TOZ, and working peasants and Aprozar (State Supply) agents and supply centers has covered only 10 percent of Vidra Raion. This tardiness cannot be permitted. The season is quite advanced and something should be done to correct this negligence on the part of executive committees and people's councils.

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SHORTCOMINGS IN CLUJ AREA -- Bucharest, Romania Libera, 25 Mar 53

Cluj Regiune and neighboring raions prepared themselves well for the spring agricultural campaign. There are, however, some state farms in Cluj Regiune and neighboring raions which neglected preparation and repair on schedule and which are now unable to start spring planting efficiently. The Aiud sector of the Hunedoara State Farm and the Sanparl and Ciucea sectors of the Targu-Mures State Farm are examples. The worst situation exists at Aiud. The sector management, headed by Paraschiv Baroiu, did not provide for the needs of the spring campaign. The production plan, which should have been discussed with members of the farm a long time ago, was not set up by 14 March 1953. Some tractors and machines were still not repaired by that date. The management did not get seeds for planting and sets for some vegetables. Not one kilogram of chemical fertilizer was prepared. No labor force was set up. No technicians were made available.

Grave shortcomings are also evident at the Cluj State Farm. Two tractors still have not been repaired. The work plan has not been set up and the workers of the farm have not been mobilized. Chief mechanic Ianos Gabor, a negligent individual, has not been called to task. No preparations were made for vegetable planting. Only 800 square meters were set up of the planned 3,000 square meters of cold frames. Ion Hurgiu, who is in charge of procuring supplies, did not bother to secure the seeds needed for the farm, nor the frames and glass panes for the cold frames. The same negligence is evidenced in the animal husbandry division. The farm's draft animals are emaciated and poorly kept.

The agricultural section of Ludus Commune was informed of this situation, but it did not pass the information on to the Cluj Regiune office or to the Hungarian Autonomous Regiune council for further action. The management of the Ludus People's Council has demonstrated a narrow spirit, backwardness, and indifference to the interests of state farms.

NEGLECT OF AGRICULTURAL EQUIPMENT -- Bucharest, Romania Libera, 18 Mar 53

After the fall agricultural campaign, the Bacau MTS left the machines and implements in the fields of the 6 Martie Collective, Onesti Commune. Since then, six tractors, ten plows, two disk cutters, and a sower of the Bacau MTS have remained in the open at the 6 Martie Collective.

The Bacau MTS did nothing to have these machines repaired. Moreover, when complaints were published, the machines were moved to the back of the Onesti Station, so that they could not be seen. The tractors and all other machines continue to be exposed to the elements. This indifference and lack of responsibility on the part of the Bacau MTS in respect to state property is a grave infringement of government regulations. Measures should be taken against the Bacau MTS management.

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